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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Plans
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Deputy Director for Support
Director of National Estimates
General Counsel

SUBJECT: Senate Request for Information on Executive
Agreements with Foreign States

Attached is a copy of a letter to the Director on the above subject from Senator Sam Ervin, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Separation of Powers of the Senate Judiciary Committee, dated 30 March 1972. I have discussed the problem with Messrs. Colby and Houston, and we have concluded that before we can recommend a response we must review all of our commitments, involvements and understandings that might reasonably be considered "executive agreements." It is therefore requested that, in view of the 7 April deadline noted in Senator Ervin's letter, each addressee provide this Office no later than close of business on Wednesday 5 April copies of all documentary material within his purview representing an agreement with a foreign power, an organ of a foreign government or its official representative. For present purposes we will define the term "agreement" as involving some sort of ongoing obligation or commitment on our part.

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